

The Republican Court (Lady Washington's Reception Day).
Daniel Huntington, 1861, Oil on canvas.
Brooklyn Museum of Art.



2025 ANNUAL
MARTHA WASHINGTON LECTURE

WOMEN AND
AMERICAN POLITICS-
THEN AND NOW

Catherine Allgor

Dr. Catherine Allgor is President Emerita of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Previously, she was the Nadine and Robert Skotheim Director of Education at the Huntington Library, and Professor of History and UC Presidential Chair at the University of California, Riverside.

Her award-winning first book, *Parlor Politics: In Which the Ladies of Washington Help Build a City and a Government* was published in 2000. Her political biography, *A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation* (2006) was a finalist for the George Washington Book Prize. In 2012, she published *Dolley Madison: The Problem of National Unity and The Queen of America: Mary Cutts's Life of Dolley Madison*.

President Obama appointed Allgor to a presidential commission, The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. Catherine Allgor also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Women's History Museum, the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians, and is a member of the Gilder Lehrman Scholarly Advisory Board. She is a Visiting Scholar of History at Tufts University.

Kate Andersen Brower

Kate Andersen Brower is author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Residence*, and *First Women*, also a *New York Times* bestseller, as well as *Team Of Five*, *First In Line*, and her children's books *Exploring the White House* and *The Hill*. *The Residence* is being made into a television series produced by Shonda Rhimes for Netflix. Her book *Elizabeth Taylor* is the first authorized biography of the icon. She covered the Obama administration for Bloomberg News. She is also a former CBS News staffer and Fox News producer. Kate has written for the *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, and the *Washington Post*.

Ali Vitali

Ali Vitali is the host of MSNBC's *Way Too Early*. She spent a decade working as a Capitol Hill Correspondent for NBC News. Vitali covered the 2016 and 2020 presidential contests from primary to inauguration—on the ground and with the candidates—as well as the 2018 and 2022 midterms, from across the country and in the nation's capital. In 2022, she wrote *Electable: Why America Hasn't Put A Woman In the White House...Yet*. The book examines the 2020 election and why it is so hard for a woman to be taken seriously as a presidential contender. She is a graduate of Tulane University.

Lindsay M. Chervinsky

Dr. Lindsay M. Chervinsky is the Executive Director of the George Washington Presidential Library and a historian of the presidency, political culture, and the government. She produces history that speaks to fellow scholars as well as a larger public audience.

Chervinsky has published two books, *The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution* (2020), and her latest one, *Making the Presidency: John Adams and the Precedents that Forged the Republic* (2024). She also co-edited *Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture* (2023).

Chervinsky is the creator of the Audible course: *The Best and Worst Presidential Cabinets in U.S. History*. Her research can be found in publications from op-eds to books, speaking on podcasts and other media, and teaching for every kind of audience.



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Martha Washington,
Artist Unknown, early 19th century, Oil on canvas.
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